



Sovereign Grace Church

January 21st, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

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(Isaiah 32:2)

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“A Man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest...” (Isaiah 32:2). This was once prophecy, it is now fact. That strange thing which the prophet foretold should be, is actually come to pass. [God’s prophet Isaiah] is looking forward to a day of gospel-grace and blessedness. We are living in that day, and here is one of the many wonders of grace proclaimed to us in it. A Man is now a hiding place from the wind; there is a covert opened to us from every tempest. Blessed indeed are all they who are sheltered in it! ... You are as welcome to enter this hiding place, as you were this morning to enter this church. There is nothing to keep you out of it, except it be your own unwillingness to go in. But enter it you must, or destruction will overtake you. It is not hearing of it, or looking at it, or admiring it, that can save you; you must get within it. In other words, you must flee to Christ as a Saviour for your own guilty [soul]. With a lively faith in His willingness and power to save you, [sinner] you must commit your soul to Him to be saved. [Psalm 110:3]. — Copied

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Gary Borders, January 25th

Sovereign Grace Church, New Caney / Grace Conference

Elio Chay, Pastor of Seguidores de Cristo,
Dzidzantun, Mexico

*Friday, February 23rd @ 7:30 pm,
Saturday, February 24th @ 11 am,
Sunday, February 25th @ 11 am*

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Christ an hiding place

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HAIL, sovereign love, that first began
The scheme to rescue fallen man!

Hail, matchless, free, eternal grace,
That gave my soul *an hiding place*.

Against the God that rules the sky,
I fought with hands uplifted high;
Despised the [freeness] of His grace,
Too proud to seek *an hiding place*.

Enwrapped in dark Egyptian night,
And fond of darkness more than light,
Madly I ran the sinful race,
Secure without *an hiding place*.

But thus the eternal counsel ran:
“Almighty Love! arrest that man;”—
I felt the arrows of distress,
And found I had *no hiding place*.

Vindictive justice stood in view;
To Sinai’s fiery mount I flew;
But justice cry’d with frowning face:
“This mountain is *no hiding place*.”

But lo! a heavenly voice I heard—
And mercy’s angel soon appeared;
Who led me on a pleasing pace,
To Jesus Christ, *my hiding place*.

On Him almighty vengeance fell,
Which must have sunk a world to hell;
He bore it for His chosen race,
And now He is *my hiding place*.

A few more rolling suns at most,
Will land me on fair Canaan’s coast;
There I shall sing the song of grace,
And see *my glorious hiding place*.

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A man shall be as an hiding place!

“...a man shall be as an hiding place ...” (Isaiah 32:2)

THIS liberty is a freedom to all the names, titles, and characters by which the eternal God hath been pleased to make Himself known, as the God of His people. Is He an *hiding place* from the wind? Well! it is the privilege of the christian to say, “Thou art my hiding place; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble; Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.” Psalm 32:7. Is He a *refuge and strength*? It is the believer’s privilege not only to say, “God is a refuge in time of trouble,” but “God is *my* refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Therefore will not I fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; etc” Psalm, 46 1 to 5. Is He a *rock, a fortress, a deliverer, a buckler, the horn of salvation, and an high tower?* These things are not recorded in vain, nor for mere speculation; No, but to strengthen the christian’s faith, and to fire his zeal, for it is his to say, “The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer: my God, my strength, in whom I will trust: my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.” Psalm, 18:2. There is a vast difference between saying God is such a glorious Being, and being enabled, by His good Spirit, to lay claim to Him as *mine*. Real religion is a personal matter, and the privileges of the gospel are personally enjoyed, nor can a christian be satisfied with knowing such things are, but he wants to know them for himself, and not another. Speculative religion may serve the turn of a dead professor, but the living soul wants food suited to its nature; and such a soul will never be satisfied with hearing that the King has prepared a rich [carnal meal], but it is sure to pant for the living streams and immortal food of which it consists: and nothing short of being at the King’s palace, and feasting with the King’s nobles, will satisfy the mind. Psalm, 27:4, 84:1-12, 45.

Such is God to His children that, in Him, they have all they can possibly need, and they are free to all the blessings contained in, and connected with the blessed Saviour as Prophet, Priest, and King. In fact, there is not a blessing in God’s house but what is freely given without money, and without price. Jehovah has freely given Himself as the portion of His chosen; and, what can He withhold? for there can be no blessings but what centre in, and come from Him; so that, those who are free to the eternal God Himself, must of necessity have an hearty welcome to all the rest. To mention all the blessings to which the church is free, would far exceed the abilities of an angel; but whatever name, title, or character, Jehovah has been pleased to make Himself known by, as the God of His people, it is the privilege of a believer, by faith, to claim. Suffice it, therefore, under this head, to say “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and are safe.” Proverbs 18:10. He is the portion of His people’s inheritance, Psalm, 16:5. Nor is it arrogance, presumption, or pride, but a privilege for a believer to say, “The Lord is my portion; saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him.” Lamentations 3:24. “Blessed is the people whose God is the LORD, and who know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.” Psalm 89:15. And till infinity can be exhausted, their treasure must abide, and their freedom thereunto must for ever endure; for, the Son hath made them free, and they are free indeed: nor will they ever be fully satisfied, till they awake, with His likeness. Psalm, 17:10. [AMEN!] — William Gadsby